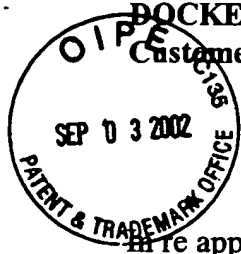


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Serial No. : 09/871,463
Filed : May 31, 2001
For : BARRIER FILM DEPOSITION OVER METAL FOR
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PROPOSED DRAWING CHANGES

In response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2002, Applicants propose to amend the drawings by addition of the legend "(Prior Art)" to Figures 3A-3C, as shown on the attached sketch in red ink. Approval of the drawing changes is respectfully requested. Revised formal drawings will be submitted upon allowance of the application.

If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at dvenglarik@davismunck.com.

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Respectfully submitted,

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